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CHAFER RUBBER COMPOSITION, AND HEAVY DUTY

PNEUMATIC TIRE USING THE CHAFER RUBBER

COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

January 31, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 15, 2002, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to February 15, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) A chafer rubber composition, wherein 55-75 parts by weight of carbon black having a nitrogen adsorption specific surface area of 70-120 m<sup>2</sup>/g and 0.2-0.5 parts by weight of 1, 3-bis (citraconimidomethyl) benzene are blended with respect to 100 parts by weight of a rubber component including 30-50 parts by weight of